

## PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 3 Mar 61	2. LOCATION Ephrata, Washington	12. CONCLUSIONS	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2148 GMT 040548Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	<input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical VENUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other UX(RADAR) <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Military	VISUAL	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 7 min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE NW	RADAR
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round objt, size of pea, changing white to red, continuous light until disappearance. Observed in level position at 2 o'clock. Disappeared on horizon at 2 o'clock. Objt appeared stationary. Spokane center called and confirmed a target was in contact moving rapidly to NW, suggesting objt moving away giving no apparent az movement. No break up or diminishing in intensity was noted prior to disappearance. Sighting speed estimated at 1050 knots by Spokane Center.		11. COMMENTS Appearance of objt and its azimuth from the observer suggests that it was probably planet Venus. From witnesses' location and altitude planet would have been just on horizon and atmospheric refraction could have been responsible for illusion of motion and caused color change. It is believed that objt reported by radar was not related to visual sighting other than by possible cause of both being due to atmospheric refraction. The objt of this sighting was probably planet Venus.	

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GRAD GROUPS LARSON 100000

1961 MAR 4 09 19

TELEPHONED  
TO of Larson  
NO. 71222  
TIME 09 19 23  
Date 09  
By: 56

RF 112

CZCSOC183ZCQYD663

PP RJEDSQ

DE RJWZGS 8A

ZNR

P 040800Z

FM SPOKANE AIR DEFENSE SECTOR LARSON AFB WASH

TO RJWFAL/HQ ADC ENT AFB COLO

RJWZBH/25 AIRDIV MCCHORD AFB WASH

RJEDSQ/ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RJEZHQBHQ USAF AFCIN IBI WASH 25 DC

RJEZHQBSEC OF AIR FORCE SAFIS WASH 25 DC

RJWFAL/CINCNORAD NINT ENT AFB COLO

RJEDSQ/COSMATIC AFCIN 4A WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RJEZBF/PROJECT SPACW TRACK L G HANSCOM FIELD BEDFORD MASS

BT

UNCLAS FROM SPOIN 453.

FOR INTELLIGENCE. SUBJECT UFO

POSSIBLE MONE DUST

1. A. ROUND
- B. PEA
- C. CHANGING WHITE TO RED
- D. ONE
- E. N/A
- F. CONTINUANCE LIGHT UNTIL DISAPPEARANCE
- G. N/A

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H. N/A

I. APPEARED STATIONARY RELATIVE INTESITY OF LIGHT REMAINED UNIFORM  
UNTIL DISAPPEARANCE.

2. A. NORMAL LOOKOUT

B. LEVEL

C. ON 14 OR 120N - 2 O'CLOCK

D. APPEARED STATIONARY

E. INSTANTANEOUSLY

F. SEVEN MINUTES.

E. A. AIRBORN VISUAL AND RADAR

B. NO AIDS

C. T-33 AIRCRAFT NO. 29549 MCCHORD 33,000 FT

260 DEGREES MC

210 K INDICATED

4. A. 0548 ZULU 4 MARCH 1961

B. NIGHT

5. 12NM NORTH OF EPHRATA VOR

6. A. N/A

B. MILLAR G/C, RCAF

DEEN, CAPTAIN, USAF

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25TH AIR DIVISION, HQ

RELIABILITY GOOD

7. - . CLEAR

B. SFC-270/03

5000-290/10 20000-300/35

10,000-300/10 30,000-300/62

15,000-290/15 40,000-300/40

C. CEILING HIGH OCST

D. VIS 50 MILES

E. CLOUD COVER TOPS 27,000 CIRRUS

F. N/A

G. GRADIENT ISOTHERMAL

8. MOON DUST ALERT

9. N/A

10. N/A

11. INTELLIGENCE OFFICER APPARENT VALID

SIGHTING POSSIBLE SATELLITE VEHICLE REENTRY.

12. SPOKANE CENTER CONFIRMED RADAR RETURN. RADAR SPEED ESTIMATED AT

1050 KNOTS. TARGET MOVING NORTHWEST VERY RAPIDLY.

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## JOINT MESSAGEFORM

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

UNCLASSIFIED

SPACE BELOW RESERVED FOR COMMUNICATION CENTER

23 MAR 61 20 352

TOT 232053Z

9T

PRECEDENCE	TYPE MSG (Check)			ACCOUNTING SYMBOL	ORIG. OR REFERS TO	CLASSIFICATION OF REFERENCE
ACTION	ROUTINE	BOOK	MULTI	SINGLE	SPOIN 453	UNCLAS

FROM:

ATIC W-P AFB

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

TO:

LARSON AFB WASH R J W Z H K

INFO: 25TH AIRDIV, McCHORD AFB WASH R J W Z B H

UNCLAS/AFCIN-4E2x

3-1333

SPOKANE AIR DEFENSE SECTOR. YOUR MSG SPOIN 453, DTD 4 MAR 61, REQ CLARIFICATION OF ITEMS 2A THROUGH 2F, AND ITEM E. REFERENCE PAR 15, AFR 200-2, DTD 14 SEP 59.

1430

DATE	TIME
23	1035
MONTH	YEAR

MAR 1961

WRITER	SYMBOL AFCIN-4E2x	RELEASER	SIGNATURE  PHILIP G. EVANS Colonel, USAF Deputy for Science and Components
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	SECURITY CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED		

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FM SPOKANE ADS LARSON AFB WASH  
TO ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

BT

UNCLAS SPOIN 686. REFERENCE YOUR MESSAGE AFCIN-4E2X 3-1333. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS ENLARGED UPON FOR CLARIFICATION. ITEM 2A. NORMAL LOOKOUT WAS BEING MAINTAINED WHEN A BRIGHT WHITE LIGHT WAS OBSERVED. B. OBJECT WAS IN A LEVEL POSITION AT 2 O,CLOCK WHEN SIGHTED. C. OBJECT WAS ON THE HORIZON AT 2 O,CLOCK WHEN IT DISAPPEARED. D. OBJECT APPEARED STATIONARY. SPOKANE CENTER WAS CALLED AND CONFIRMED A TARGET WAS IN CONTACT MOVING RAPIDLY TO THE NORTHWEST, SUGGESTING OBJECT MOVING AWAY GIVING NO APPARENT AZIMUTH MOVEMENT. E. OBJECT DISAPPEARED INSTANTANEOUSLY LIKE A LIGHT BEING SUDDENLY SHUT OFF. NO BREAK UP OR DIMINISHING IN INTENSITY WAS NOTED PRIOR TO DISAPPEARANCE. F. SEVEN MINUTES.

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